

USS America.

March 28, 1918.

Dear Miss Stephen.

When I got back to the States the other day I was pleased to find among the letters awaiting me. one from you. It certainly does me good to hear from the friends of Old Midd and I thank you for writing. Hurrah for old Midd. She sure is making a fine record in Basketball. Looks as if they were going to get that desired \$400,000. We fellows aboard are looking with interest at the progress that is being made. Sorry I can't tell you much of our experiences



but they keep a pretty close  
censorship on the doings of us  
transports. Have met mud fellows  
on every trip. The first <sup>trip</sup> ever we  
had one of the Hinchey boys as passenger.  
He was with head quarters department  
of one of the aero squadrons. The second  
trip we carried over.

And this  
last trip I met Benedict over in  
France. To day. Shephardson of the  
USS Mount Vernon paid us a visit.  
and I have run across Caterjee of  
the transport Cawington several times.  
Makes one feel good to see mud  
faces.

This life on the sea has lots of  
little experiences that make the  
time fly but they can't be told now.  
Thanks again for writing.

Herbert C. Brookshire;  
A. D. & C. U. S. S. America.